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The CHESS Club for Providers



A Monthly Update for Users of Carolina's Health Electronic Surveillance System

CHESS Live Around the State...



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The CARES IR/CHESS training team has been out promoting CHESS in the regions. A special thanks to all our Regional Coordinators for their dedicated efforts to in the deployment of CHESS and to improve disease reporting statewide!!!!!!

We are delighted to welcome several new users to our growing CHESS family. Please give a big hand for Dr. Abhijeet Nadkarni and Kathy Harkey of Carolina Infectious Disease and Critical Care Associates. A warm welcome to Sue Ann Avin and Donna Miller of Carolinas Hospital System. We are also looking forward to welcoming Joyce Edwards and her team from AnMed Health.

A special thanks to Penny Tisdale for arranging to have the training team give a CHESS demonstration to her various lab groups.

Who do you call with questions on how to use CHESS? The CHESS Help Desk of Course!!!

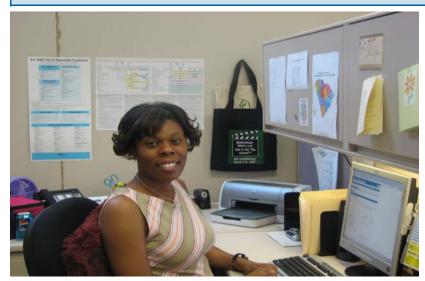
CHESS Help Line 1-800-917-2093

Answers to your questions are just a phone call away. Call the CHESS Help Desk at 1-800-917-2093.

A member of the training team will be delighted to assist you! So don't forget you have support just a phone call away...



Your CARES IR/CHESS Training Team



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CHESS LIVE—Complete Listing of Providers

CHESS Provider Deployment

The deployment of CHESS to hospitals and medical facilities is advancing each day! Currently there are 23 health care facilities actively using CHESS.

CHESS is LIVE at:

- Aiken Regional Medical Ctr.
- AnMed Health
- Cannon Memorial Hospital
- Carolina Infectious Disease and Critical Care Associates
- Carolinas Hospital System
- Colleton Hospital
- Conway Hospital
- Kershaw County Medical Ctr.
- Lake City Memorial Hospital
- Laurens County Hospital
- Loris Community Hospital
- Marion County Medical Center
- New Day Family Practice
- Oconee Memorial Hospital
- Palmetto Baptist Easley
- Paris Island Preventive Medicine
- Pee Dee Family Practice
- Spartanburg Regional Medical Ctr.
- Self Memorial Hospital
- Upstate Carolina Medical Ctr.
- Waccamaw Community Hospital
- Wallace Thompson Hospital
- Winthrop University Health Ctr.



By the Numbers-South Carolina 2007 so far

Condition	Confirmed	Probable	Total
Animal Bite—PEP Recommended	273	0	273
Aseptic meningitis	71	0	71
Brucellosis	2	0	2
Campylobacteriosis	188	1	189
Ciguatera fish poisoning	1	0	1
Cryptosporidiosis	54	0	54
Cyclosporiasis	1	0	1
Dengue Fever	1	1	2
Ehrlichiosis- human granulocytic	1	0	1
Ehrlichiosis- human monocytic	1	2	3
Ehrlichiosis- human- other&unspec	1	1	2
Encephalitis- West Nile	1	0	1
Enterohem. E.coli O157:H7	4	0	4
Enterohem.E.coli shigatox+- ?serogrp	0	0	0
Enterohem.E.coli- shigatox+- non-O157	1	0	1
Giardiasis	75	0	75
Group A Streptococcus- invasive	78	0	78
Group B Streptococcus- invasive	25	0	25
Haemophilus influenzae- invasive	37	0	37
Hemolytic uremic synd- postdiarrheal	1	0	1
Hepatitis A- acute	12	0	12
Hepatitis B- acute	13	0	13
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Hepatitis B virus infection—Chronic	166		432
Hepatitis B virus infection—Perinatal	0	0	0
Hepatitis C- acute		0	
Hepatitis C Virus Infection- past or present	2884	425	3309
Hepatitis Delta co- or super-infection- acute	0	0	0
Hepatitis E- acute	1	0	1
Influenza- human isolates	65	0	65
Legionellosis	12	1	13
Listeriosis	8	0	8
Lyme disease	22	0	22
Malaria	5	0	5
Mumps	1	0	1
Neisseria meningitidis- invasive (Mening. disease)	13	0	13
Pertussis	44	10	54
Rocky Mountain spotted fever	14	41	55
S. aureus, vancomycin intermediate susc (VISA)	2	0	2
Salmonellosis	770	4	774
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	8	0	8
Shigellosis	108	0	108
Strep pneumoniae- invasive	237	0	237
Streptococcal disease- invasive- other	6	0	6
Tetanus	0	0	0
Toxic-shock syndrome- staphylococcal	0	0	0
Varicella (Chickenpox)	460	320	780
Vibrio parahaemolyticus	1	0	1
Vibrio spp non-toxigenic- other or unspecified	5	0	5
Vibrio vulnificus infection	0	0	0
West Nile Fever	1	1	2
Yersiniosis	5	1	6

The Bulletin Board



Save the Date

Members of the CARES IR/CHESS training team will be attending the South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians 59th Annual Assembly being held on Hilton Head Island, SC

Thursday, November 8 Friday, November 9 Saturday, November 10

The training team will also be attending the 27th Annual School Nurse Conference being held in North Charleston, SC

Thursday, November 15 Friday, November 15

It will be an opportunity to meet the CARES IR/CHESS training team and ask the trainers questions.







Are you hosting an event? Are there any events you would like to see posted? Is there an event you would like the CARES IR/CHESS training team to attend? If so, please send event information to Lisa Still, at stillla@dhec.sc.gov
Or the
CHESS/CARES IR Help Desk at 1-800-917-2093

We look forward to hearing from you!

Keep In Touch!

Your input is important to us!!! So please call us with your comments and suggestions. Don't forget we here to support your CHESS use. If you have a questions, your CARES IR/CHESS training team is only a phone call away.

Ring the Help Desk Line at 1-800-917-2093.

HAPPY CHESSING!